



Race for Winter Food

Take a look, choose one, the granary is full!

Helps Your Child Grow



Counting and Cardinality

Repeatedly deciding which card has more and counting when the quantities look close helps your child build a reliable comparison of more and less.



Sense of Identity and Belonging

Checking that their choice was correct gives your child evidence that their own judgment can be trusted.

Steps

- Draw one to ten apples on ten blank cards. Pretend they are food supplies that small animals must gather before winter.
- Ask another caregiver to reveal two cards at a time and call, “Ready, go!” You and your child decide which card has more food; the first person to choose it keeps the card.
- Some quantities will be easy to compare at a glance. When two look close, count before choosing.
- Slow your own counting when needed so your child has a real chance to compare.
- After each choice, place the cards side by side and check whether the faster player chose the larger quantity.
- At the end, count the apples each player collected and see who wins the winter-food challenge.

Tips

- When you deal the food, choose two dot cards with close quantities to make the comparison more challenging.
- If your child is eager for another round, record who won and play again. Add another set of cards from 6 to 10 when they are ready for larger quantities.

Observations

- ☐ Chooses the card showing more apples
- ☐ Shows confidence in their choice